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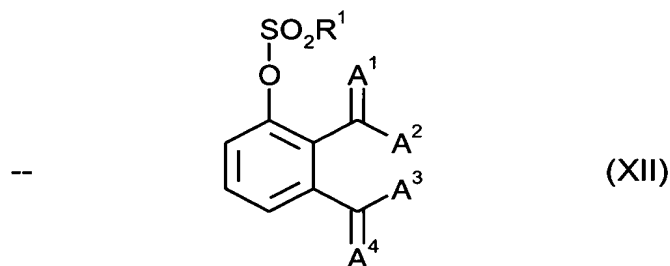
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Derivatives" to

-- NOVEL PHTHALAMIDE DERIVATIVES --

Please insert the following at page 1, between the title and line 3:

-- The present patent application has been filed under 35 U.S.C. 371 as a national stage application of PCT/EP2003/006105, filed June 11, 2003, which was published in English as International Patent Publication WO 2004/000796 on December 31, 2003, which is entitled to the right of priority of Japanese Patent Application 2002-180028, filed June 20, 2002. --

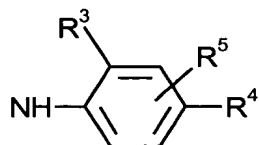
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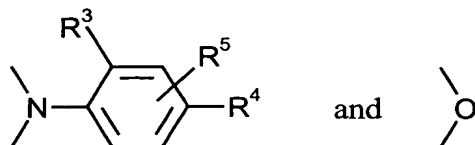
R<sup>1</sup> has the same definition as aforementioned,

- (a) A<sup>1</sup> and A<sup>4</sup> each represents oxygen atom,  
A<sup>2</sup> represents the group NH-R<sup>2</sup> and A<sup>3</sup> represents hydroxy,  
or  
A<sup>2</sup> represents hydroxy and A<sup>3</sup> represents the group



or

A<sup>2</sup>, together with A<sup>3</sup>, represents a group selected from



or

- (b)  $A^1$  represents the group  $N-R^2$ ,  
 $A^2$ , together with  $A^3$ , represents the group

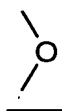


and

$A^4$  represents oxygen atom,

or

- (c)  $A^1$  represents oxygen atom,  
 $A^2$ , together with  $A^3$ , represents the group



and --